

REMARKS

The Office Action dated December 31, 2002 has been received and carefully noted. The period for response having been extended from March 31, 2003 until April 30, 2003, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, the above amendments and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 1, 4, 26-28, 32, 33, and 35 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-25, 34, and 36-43 having been allowed, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are in condition for allowance and issue.

Although the Official Action did indicate that claims 1-25, 34 and 36-43 were allowed, the Official Action noted a minor objection to claim 4, and a rejection to claim 1 under 35 USC § 112. These claims have been amended to cure the deficiencies noted in the Official Action. Specifically, claim 4 was objected to as containing two instances of the word "to". This duplication has been amended.

Claim 1 was apparently rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite due to the use of the phrase "such as" therein. This phrase has been deleted from the claim. Similarly, it appears that claims 26-28, 32, 33 and 35 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, for minor antecedent basis issues. These claims have been amended so as to cure the antecedent basis deficiencies. In view of the fact that no other objections or rejections were made, it is respectfully submitted that all of presently pending claims 1-43 are now in condition for allowance. Claims 29-31 were objected to

as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but were otherwise indicated as being allowable. In view of the fact that all of the claims should now be in condition for allowance, it is respectfully submitted that this objection is now moot. It is therefore respectfully requested that claims 1-43 be allowed, and this application passed to issue.

Pending the filing of a Revocation and New Power of Attorney, it is respectfully requested that the correspondence address in this application be changed, and that future correspondence be sent to the following address:

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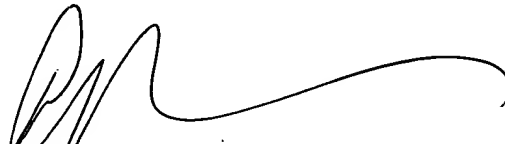
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If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

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